



Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

# UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No.	7319.3002.001
First Inventor	Gary L. Shubert
Title	Convertible Enclosure For
Express Mail Label No.	EV 185236585 US

31353 U.S.PTO  
10/769345**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1.  Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
*(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)*
2.  Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3.  Specification [Total Pages 17]  
*(preferred arrangement set forth below)*
  - Descriptive title of the invention
  - Cross Reference to Related Applications
  - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
  - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
  - Background of the Invention
  - Brief Summary of the Invention
  - Brief Description of the Drawings (*if filed*)
  - Detailed Description
  - Claim(s)
  - Abstract of the Disclosure
4.  Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 5]
5. Oath or Declaration [Total Sheets 3]
  - a.  Newly executed (original or copy)
  - b.  Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))  
*(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)*
    - i.  DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) name in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6.  Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

**ADDRESS TO:**  
**Mail Stop Patent Application**  
**Commissioner for Patents**  
**P.O. Box 1450**  
**Alexandria VA 22313-1450**

7.  CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (*Appendix*)
8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission  
*(if applicable, all necessary)*
  - a.  Computer Readable Form (CRF)
  - b.  Specification Sequence Listing on:
    - i.  CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
    - ii.  Paper
  - c.  Statements verifying identity of above copies

**ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS**

9.  Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10.  37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement  Power of  
*(when there is an assignee)*  Attorney
11.  English Translation Document (*if applicable*)
12.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449  Copies of IDS Citations
13.  Preliminary Amendment
14.  Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
*(Should be specifically itemized)*
15.  Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)  
*(if foreign priority is claimed)*
16.  Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.
17.  Other: *check .....*

18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in the first sentence of the specification following the title, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

Continuation       Divisional       Continuation-in-part (CIP)      of prior application No.: .....

*Prior application information:* Examiner \_\_\_\_\_ Art Unit: \_\_\_\_\_  
 For CONTINUATION OR DIVISIONAL APPS only; The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference.  
 The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

**19. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Customer Number:	37575	<b>OR</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Correspondence address below
Name			
Address			
City	State	Zip Code	
Country	Telephone	Fax	
Name (Print/Type)	David A. Burns	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	46,238
Signature	January 30, 2004		

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.53(b). The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 12 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Mail Stop Patent Application, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

# FEE TRANSMITTAL

## for FY 2004

Effective 10/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$ 394.00)

## Complete if Known

Application Number	Unknown
Filing Date	Filed Herewith
First Named Inventor	Gary L. Shubert
Examiner Name	Unknown
Art Unit	Unknown
Attorney Docket No.	7319.3002.001

## METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

 Check  Credit card  Money Order  Other  None
 Deposit Account:

Deposit Account Number	50-0852
Deposit Account Name	Reising Ethington, et al.

The Director is authorized to: (check all that apply)

- Charge fee(s) indicated below  Credit any overpayments  
 Charge any additional fee(s) or any underpayment of fee(s)  
 Charge fee(s) indicated below, except for the filing fee to the above-identified deposit account.

## FEE CALCULATION

## 1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity	Fee	Fee	Fee	Fee Description	Fee Paid
Code (\$)	Code (\$)	Code (\$)	Code (\$)		
1001	770	2001	385	Utility filing fee	385.00
1002	340	2002	170	Design filing fee	
1003	530	2003	265	Plant filing fee	
1004	770	2004	385	Reissue filing fee	
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1)				(\$)	385.00

## 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

		Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Total Claims	21	-20** = 1	X 9.00	= 9.00
Independent Claims	2	- 3** = 0	X 0	= 0
Multiple Dependent				

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description
Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	
1202	18	2202 9 Claims in excess of 20
1201	86	2201 43 Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	290	2203 145 Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	86	2204 43 ** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	18	2205 9 ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
SUBTOTAL (2)		(\$ 9.00)

\*or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

## 3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)		
1051	130	2051 65 Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052	50	2052 25 Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053	130	1053 130 Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812 2,520 For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804	920*	1804 920* Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805 1,840* Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251 55 Extension for reply within first month	
1252	420	2252 210 Extension for reply within second month	
1253	950	2253 475 Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,480	2254 740 Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	2,010	2255 1,005 Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	330	2401 165 Notice of Appeal	
1402	330	2402 165 Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	290	2403 145 Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451 1,510 Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452 55 Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,330	2453 665 Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,330	2501 665 Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	480	2502 240 Design issue fee	
1503	640	2503 320 Plant issue fee	
1460	130	1460 130 Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	50	1807 50 Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806	180	1806 180 Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021	40	8021 40 Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809	770	2809 385 Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810	770	2810 385 For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801	770	2801 385 Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802	900	1802 900 Request for expedited examination of a design application	
Other fee (specify) _____			

\*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid

SUBTOTAL (3) (\$ 0.00)

## SUBMITTED BY

Name (Print/Type)	David A. Burns	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	46,238	Telephone	248-689-3500
Signature				Date	January 30, 2004

WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.17 and 1.27. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 12 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.

LAW OFFICES  
**REISING, ETHINGTON, BARNES, KISSELLE, P.C.**

PATENTS, TRADEMARKS AND COPYRIGHTS

MICHAEL C. ADAMS  
EDWARD J. BISKUP  
DAVID A. BURNS  
ROBERT C. COLLINS  
PAUL J. ETHINGTON  
JOHN C. EVANS  
ROBERT L. FARRIS  
FRANCIS J. FODALE  
WILLIAM H. FRANCIS  
WILLIAM H. GRIFFITH  
ANDREW M. GROVE  
GEORGE A. GROVE  
ERIC T. JONES  
JOHN F. LEARMAN  
JEANNE-MARIE MARSHALL  
JOHN P. MORAN  
STEVEN L. PERMUT  
BRIAN L. RIBANDO\*  
MATTHEW J. SCHMIDT  
WILLIAM J. SCHRAMM  
JAMES D. STEVENS  
STEVEN B. WALMSLEY\*\*  
WILLIAM J. WAUGAMAN  
CHARLES R. WHITE  
JOHN D. WRIGHT  
\* MEMBER OF THE D.C. BAR  
\*\* MEMBER OF THE VIRGINIA BAR

COLUMBIA CENTER  
201 W. BIG BEAVER - SUITE 400  
TROY, MICHIGAN 48084

MAILING ADDRESS:  
P.O. BOX 4390  
TROY, MICHIGAN 48099-4390

TELEPHONE: (248) 689-3500  
FACSIMILE: (248) 689-4071

[www.reising.com](http://www.reising.com)

SAGINAW OFFICE:  
5291 COLONY DRIVE NORTH  
SAGINAW, MICHIGAN 48603  
TELEPHONE: (989) 799-5300  
FACSIMILE: (989) 792-8585

STUART C. BARNES 1910-1968  
JOHN M. KISSELLE 1919-1980  
PAUL J. REISING 1963-1993

January 30, 2004

Mail Stop Patent Application  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Attorney Docket No. 7319.3002.001

Sir:

Enclosed herewith for filing is a new patent application entitled

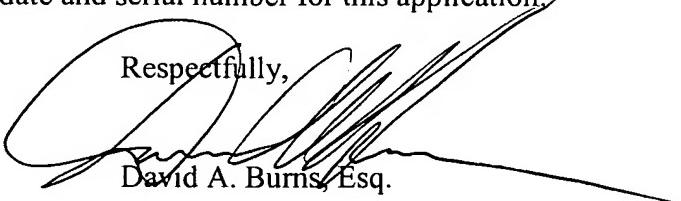
**CONVERTIBLE ENCLOSURE FOR SPAS**

This application is being filed pursuant to the revised Rules of Practice effective February 27, 1983 by the undersigned attorney of the applicants. It is respectfully requested that this application be assigned a filing date of January 30, 2004, pursuant to the "Express Mail" (EV 185236585 US) provision of 37 C.F.R. §1.10 as amended.

The name and address of the inventor of the subject matter of the enclosed patent application is as follows:

**Gary L. Shubert**  
22655 Brook Forest  
Novi, Michigan 48375  
**U.S. Citizen**

We await receipt of a filing date and serial number for this application.

Respectfully,  
  
David A. Burns, Esq.

DAB/ry  
Enclosures

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

**NONPUBLICATION REQUEST  
UNDER  
35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)**

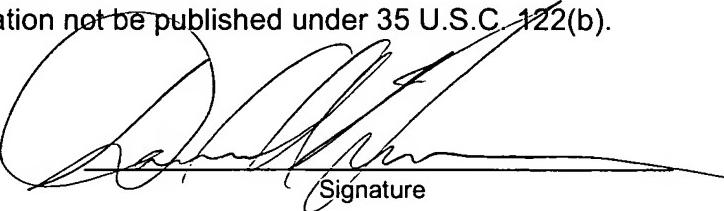
First Named Inventor	Gary L. Shubert
Title	Convertible Enclosure For Spas
Attorney Docket Number	7319.3002.001

I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application **has not and will not be** the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.

I hereby request that the attached application **not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).**

January 30, 2004

Date



Signature

(248) 689-3500

David A. Burns, Reg. 46,238

Telephone number

Typed or printed name

This request must be signed in compliance with 37 CFR 1.33(b) and submitted with the application upon filing.

Applicant may rescind this nonpublication request at any time. If applicant rescinds a request that an application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b), the application will be scheduled for publication at eighteen months from the earliest claimed filing date for which a benefit is claimed.

If applicant subsequently files an application directed to the invention disclosed in the attached application in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications eighteen months after filing, the applicant **must** notify the United States Patent and Trademark Office of such filing within forty-five (45) days after the date of the filing of such foreign or international application. **Failure to do so will result in abandonment of this application (35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(iii)).**

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.213(a). The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 6 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.